

## Hearts of Gold

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**Salt Lake** – Six DCFS employees were presented with the “Heart of Gold” award at the August Salt Lake Valley Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) meeting. Recipients were nominated by their co-workers and individually recognized for their partnering and collaboration, innovative approaches to meeting clients’ needs, creating new ideas for practice, meeting minimum performance requirements, life changing events managed by the worker for the client and strong interactions with the community.



**Sheri Morris** was congratulated for her ongoing compassion, empathy and attention to personal details of clients.

**Vedrana Ilic** was recognized for her quick learning of protocol and diligent advocating for her clients.

**Melinda Leonard** was singled out for her work with youth transitioning out of the system as adults.

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**Stefanie Neeley**, was noted for her compassion in working with families in the state foster care system.

**Christine Peasley**, was highlighted for her thorough understanding of best practice model and innovative approach with families.

**Roland Oliver** was honored for his partnering and community outreach efforts, especially with assisting youth with job interviews to ensure independence.

The Heart of Gold Awards are presented annually by the SLV QIC Committee and are a way to honor the wonderful work the caseworkers provide to our community.